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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	19	MINUS	20 .	0	x 25 =	$\mathbf{x}.50=0$
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	3	0	x 100 =	x 200 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$180.00	\$360.00
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 10, 2004 issued in respect of the above-identified application. Please amend the application in the following manner:

Amendments to the Title are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

I. Amendments to the Title

Please delete the title presently on file and insert therefor, the following replacement title:

"Removable Hardware Device Authentication System and Method".